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# State Highlights

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## Student Mentors Discuss Problems

Students representing Student Councils from all over Southwestern Michigan converged at State High, April 9, for the annual spring meeting of the Association of Student Councils of Southwestern Michigan. The Association's aims are to promote better inter-schools relationships between schools in this area.

After registration, the Association held a short business meeting under President, Jack Runyon of Buchanan. They accepted an invitation from Buchanan for the next meeting in the fall. Before the gathering was broken up into discussion groups, Mr. Wallace Garneau of Western Michigan College gave a brief talk on the qualities of a good leader.

The discussion groups were the focal point of the afternoon. Each group had a host from State High, and a discussion leader and a secretary. The groups discussed certain pertinent questions, such as:

1. What are the qualities of a good leader?
2. What are the responsibilities of a leader to the student body?
3. How can communication between the student body and elected officers be improved?

At 3:30 p.m. the group adjourned for an hour's entertainment program in the Rotunda. Students from different schools participated, giving skits, musical numbers, etc.

That night a dance was held honoring the various Student Councils.

## It's News to Me

The Juniors received their class rings last Thursday and life has been unbearable for the rest of the school ever since. The palm reader at Coney Island never had more hands flipped in front of her. Oh, well, they're having lots of fun. We just hope they don't give them to that "friend" too quick.

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You are cordially invited to visit our new **Highlights** office. You will find us at our new location (just before you reach the cafeteria) a very small cubby-hole. It's very minute, but we think that it is very neat and compact, real close to the office, too! We hold our homeroom meetings in room 1A because of lack of space here, but we still have our same typewriters and school spirit.

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The Highlander staff is spending long hours to keep up with deadlines. All art work and photography have been sent in. Next comes the articles. They have to be to the printers by April 30. When the book comes out next June it will have a blue and gold cover.

The staff is having troubles and would appreciate it very greatly if all clubs and other organizations would pay for their pictures as soon as possible.

## HUMOR

Home Ec Teacher "Why is cream so much more expensive than milk?"

Corby, "Because it's harder for the cows to sit on the little bottles!"

## 'Spring Fever' Successful

Midst the glitter of shining silver stars, enchanted State Hi-ites danced to the music of Brendon Buckeloo's orchestra on Friday evening, April 6.

The event of which I am speaking is of course our annual Turnabout, "Spring Fever." It was sponsored by the Social Committee under the direction of Mary Joyce Maltby, student council secretary. It was held in the Women's gym and lasted from 8:30 to 11:30.

Silver stars were dangling from strings throughout the gym and a pattern of stars on the stage curtains was a feature of the decorations. The stars on the curtains were arranged to resemble the milky way. Also used to set the "Spring Fever" mood was a white picket fence which proudly sprouted pert paper tulips and other spring flowers. Nancie Strome was chairman of the decorations committee.

Fruit punch was served at intermission time, along with delicious chocolate chip cookies. Suzanne Sawyer was in charge of the refreshment committee.

Posters to boost ticket sales were made by Mary Kuizenga, Jackie Andrus, Eleanor Alman, and Vivian Smith. Addie Anne Tolhurst was in charge of the ticket sales. The programs were designed by Mary Kuizenga.

The female members of the party were required to provide transportation, although in some cases the gentleman escorted the lady in his own conveyance. The lady was also required to shell out one dollar of her savings to make the entrance legal.

The dance drew a large attendance of about 120 couples. It proved to be a very successful and beautiful dance with soft music, twinkling stars, crisp spring tulips and rosy punch.

The Highlights congratulates the Social Committee.

## CALENDAR

- April 18 Clubs
- April 20 Track Meet—Dowagiac Haven
- April 20 Baseball—At South Haven
- April 21 Sophomore Dance
- April 24 Triangular Track Meet Here
- April 26 Baseball game—at Three Rivers
- April 26-27 Finette Water Show
- April 30 Golf Meet—Holland, here



## EDITORIAL

The main distinguishing feature between man and beast is free will. Mankind has intelligence but so do the lower forms of life. Habit and instinct are however the ruling element there. Without habit we ourselves would be lost. Picture the confusion if every morning one had to decide which shoe to put on which foot. The world's many complexities would have completely confused our early ancestors and other forms of the animal kingdom. As man grew, so grew free will. In every act we have a choice. True, nature dictates certain choices. The results would be disastrous if one chose to refuse food for the rest of his life!

In our society the element of free will is fast becoming non-existent. Society, and especially our teen-age one dictates dress, habits and more important, outlook, (one does not think when bound by society's dictates). The few individuals of our age either lead or are refused admittance to society's Frankenstein—the clique. And a Frankenstein it is, each member creates it and each is destroyed by it.

Most of mankind need companionship but when the demands of one's companions become too great, the purpose of companionship is defeated. Its purpose is to stimulate not to deaden. When the groups dictates become so strong that each act and choice of the individual is influenced and even controlled by the group reaction, the individual is headed for spiritual death. His independence of thought and action are gone.

—Suzie Gilbert

### Student Council Notes

The Student Council meeting, April 5th, was the scene of quite a bit of business. The citizenship committee said that if each homeroom vice-president doesn't come to the meeting on Wednesdays, they will be dropped from Student Council. Also they are asking that the girls in the north end of the upper hall please keep their lockers closed. If everyone will co-operate and take care of apple cores, we may have apples in the hall for anyone to eat.

From the financial angle, Kay Malotte reports that we have about \$125. in the treasury which will be used for the Monitor-Highlights luncheon. Detailed plans are already being worked out for this luncheon to be held in Arcadia Club House.

A motion was carried that the Student Council look into the matter of a Masquerade Ball. Watch for announcements or an article in the Highlights for further details.

Another motion, that the secretary of each homeroom turn in the names of people of their homeroom who are ill, was carried.

## Revue Big Success

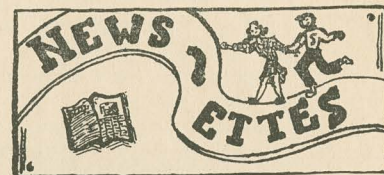
The fourth annual Blue and Gold Revue was presented by members of the band, choir, orchestra, modern dance club, and other State High students on April 12, 13, and 14 at 8:00 in the Little Theatre. The band, which sponsors the show had selected as a theme the idea of a musical style show. Those who attended had an entertainment treat that was particularly strong in variety. Clare Gemrich, Dorothy Cartland, and Lilla Eliet did a fine job of providing laughs and continuity as a balance for the music and dancing.

The show opened with a Mexican Overture and some explanatory dialog in front of the curtain, which then opened on a patio in a Mexican hacienda. The full chorus, the boys chorus, a girls chorus, a girls sextet, and an instrumental ensemble joined to furnish the ensemble music for this first scene which was featured by solo dances by Lilliane Malone and Carolyn Fox, a vocal solo by Bernadine Paull and a duet by Phil Bruns and Dave Roth.

Between scenes talent included: Clare Gemrich, Jim Bowen, Pat Bloom, and Phylis Ann Kottman in single acts; Gail Hubbell and Jean Morris and Dorothy Cartland and Lilla Eliet in duos; and a brass quartet consisting of Peter Longjohn, Charles Straub, William Govier, and Jim Bowen.

The second scene was a western dominated by a fence and a huge cactus. Those three famous cowhands Judy Bree, Janet Hughes, and Sally Reeves led off the third scene followed by Jim Brosseau, the modern dance club, a string band consisting of Phil Bruns, Dick Forward, Norman Harvey, Gene Logan, and Graydon Meints and the chorus singing Country style. This last number also featured a fast square dance set with Joan Daugherty, Pat Perigo, Ruthmary Persons, Janet Snow, Jim Bowen, Jack Dumont, Smirle Weston, and Jim Brosseau. Phil Bruns was caller.

The Modern Dance Club was pleasing, as usual, with their two numbers Cowboy Dance and Jazz Pizzicato. The band presented an interesting and melodious band program which featured John Gibson as an accordion soloist and Charles Straub as a radio announcer.



Mr. Homer Carter and Miss Dorothy McGinnis, Director and associate-Director of the Phyco-Educational Clinic of Western Michigan College are conducting a research poll of Vocational interests. Students of the Kalamazoo area will be the first to use the new testing booklets

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The band is planning a combined band concert in the Women's Gym on April 28 at 8:00. The State High band will be combined with the bands from Paw Paw High and Zeeland High. There will be a party for the visitors Friday night, and they will be guests of the college at a baseball game Saturday afternoon.

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The first year Latin classes are planning an all-day trip by bus to Ann Arbor on Saturday, April 21. They will leave at 6:30 a.m. and return by evening.

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Many thanks are still due to the numerous un-named kitten caretakers curtain makers, ushers, stage hands, scenery painters, and the faithful undecorators of the stage and dressing rooms. The play "You Can't Take It With You" is still being mentioned as one of the most outstanding and interesting performances of the years!

### Birthdays

Mary Alice Hilliard	April 18
Bob Dalm	April 18
Sue Sawyer	April 19
Bill McConachie	April 19
Bob Horn	April 19
Dick Wilsey	April 21
Joanne Survilla	April 25
Shirley Gary	April 25
Ed Enz	April 25
Bob Britigan	April 25
Stevie Malone	April 26
Frank Maher	April 26
Ron Westafer	April 28
Nanette Slavin	April 30
Doris Dalton	April 30
Willard Andus	May 1

## STATE HIGHLIGHTS

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## 'S' Cubs Plans Heavy Schedule

The "S" Club this year has embarked on a heavy schedule of activities. Under the leadership of Mr. Stevens they are laying plans for a trip to a baseball game, the All Sports Banquet, and various other activities.

The date for the All Sports Banquet is not set as yet. It will probably be potluck since the meal would cost around two dollars a plate if served by Walwood. The Club is trying to get a top notch speaker from Chicago.

The members of the club would like to charter a bus and go to either Detroit or Chicago to see a baseball game this spring. Coach is studying the possibility of getting free complimentary tickets. The club is also planning to go to a football game next fall which is a long look ahead.

On top of it all they plan to get picture frames and hang pictures of the sports teams of the past. And they are also reorganizing the trophy case which has long needed reorganization. They will take an active part in the boosters club when it becomes organized.

## Racquet Wielders Down Portage to Open Season

State High's net squad opened the new season with a four to one victory over the Portage racquet wielders. The defending state champs looked strong again this year in their convincing win. The Cubs ran through the three singles matches and the number one doubles match with ease. At number one John Littig cut down Norm Newland 6-0, 6-1; Jim Russel defeated Warren Lawrence 6-1, 6-2; and Fred Dilno owned Dick Davidson 6-0, 6-2. In the first doubles match Bob Dalm and Pat Ryan beat Ron Tompkins and Chuck Bowers 6-0, 6-1.

In the other two doubles matches our racqueteers ran into difficulty. Roger Lininger and Louie Johnson lost to Jim Harriston and Al Vander Veen, 6-2, 8-6; and in the last match Jack Behrens and Frank Goodrich were down 8-7 in the third set when their duel was called on account of darkness.

The squad should turn in another fine record this year. They have lots of strength in the singles positions. The doubles remain a problem. The biggest threat to take their state title comes from Holland. The Cubs played them last week but this was after this paper went to press so we can not give you the results.

Friday, our netters meet South Haven there. The Rams are rated a "not so strong" team and shouldn't give us too much trouble. May 4 the Cubs go over to St. Joe. They have one of the strongest teams in the conference will put up a stiff battle.

## A Look at Sports

By JACK BRENNER

Most of the members of the student body will remember Jack Hill, last year's golf captain and a very good golfer. Jack is back this year as State High's coach. As a coach, Jack is swell, says his team. He is always ready to give a helping hand to someone who is having trouble. And, although the squad came out on the short end of the first match, Jack will bring them along we're sure, and compile a good season's record.

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Loafing is over for the tennis team, it seems. Terry Cooper, State High's coach and a member of Westerns team, had the boys running inside before they were able to get into the great outdoors. I heard lots of would be tennis players groaning about sore legs, ankles, and feet, but it all seems to have turned out for the best after all. There should be no players getting tired on the courts this season.

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It seems the girls are going to have a tennis(?) team again this year. I hear they have a squad of stars. It seems they will have a schedule, too. I'd like to hear more about this. Won't someone come and tell me who is the captain, what the schedule is, and so forth.

## Cub Diamond Squad Meets South Haven

South Haven will play host to our baseball team this Friday at 4:00. The Rams from the resort city are an unknown quantity this year. They had a pretty good team last year, but lost pitcher Art Pratt through graduation. Art, you will remember, fought in the Kalamazoo golden gloves team and went all the way to the state championship in the Middleweight division. Art won 16 letters while he was in South Haven High School, and his loss will hurt their baseball team considerably, as he was a very good southpaw. For this reason, and plus the consideration that State High has Clair Kirkpatrick available for service on the mound, the Cubs should rate a small favorite.

At the time of this writing, South Haven's starting lineup is uncertain, but the following is the probabe lineup for the State High squad.

- 1b. Joe McCarthy or Bob Britigan
- 2b. Don Gill
- ss. Al Hackman
- 3b. Dick DeFreese
- lf. Red Weaver
- cf. Fred Hubbell
- rf. Ken Cobb
- c. Glen Shugars
- p. Clair Kirkpatrick

## Cubs Get Away To Quick Start

### Defeat Tough Allegan Nine in First Game

State High's baseball team traveled to Allegan April 5 to take on the Allegan Tigers. The day was sunny and so was Coach Steven's disposition after the game. State High came out on the long end of a 5 to 1 score.

Clair Kirkpatrick hurled a beautiful two-hitter, and, with some better support in the field from his mates would have had a shut-out. Allegan scored with two out in the seventh inning the result of two errors afield.

State High got two runs in each of the first two innings and one in the fifth. With one out in the first, Al Hackman was hit by a pitched ball. Then Fred Hubbell walked, and Dick DeFreese was hit by another pitched ball. Joe McCarthy hit one down the first base line, and the Allegan first baseman let the ball get through his legs. Two runs were scored.

Kirkpatrick got the only solid hit of the ball game, smashing out a clean single in the fifth which scored Don Gill with State High's fifth and last run.

Both teams lacked solid hitting and State High will have to come up with a couple of power-hitters to successfully defend their share of the Big Seven crown. Pitching and catching are the strong points of the team with pitchers Vern Hoffman, Dick (Lefty) Hawkins, and Kirkpatrick, and catchers Glenn Shugars and Ted Emerson forming a pretty good battery.

## Golfers Drop Match To Strong Wildcats

The Cub golf team ran into a red hot Three Rivers squad in their first match. The Wildcats won by a score of 11 to 1. Captain John Gelder picked up a lone point in his match with Pat Carrier, son of the 'Pro' at Three Rivers, Pat shot an 82 while John finished with an 84.

In the other matches Maynard Niebor lost to Nino Masnari 3-0, Dave Roth lost to Jerry Mitchell 3-0, and Ron Chipps dropped his match to Frank Meyers 3-0.

The Cubs were hampered by lack of practice and have come a long way since then.

April 30 the team plays Holland at Gateway course at 3:00. The Dutch always come up with a strong squad.



# Antics of Our Ancestry

Hi-

My name's "Methitabel". My pal "Percy" and I sit on the attic steps and listen to all of your private business! We're grey mice, we have big ears tiny black noses, and long skinny tails. We hear a great many of your confidential discourses. We know lots of good jokes, too, the attic door being an extremely popular place to convene. Last week we heard a Highlights reporter trying to find out about people's ancestors. Nerve! We thought we'd just write this little letter to tell you all about people's notorious forerunners before the Highlights gets a chance.

The first people the reporter approached were KATE RANDALL and DOROTHY CARTLAND who were both chomping on bismarck doughnuts. Dorothy said her third cousin was Abraham Lincoln (Percy says he thinks that was somebody that invented a bag that squeezes color into oleo.) Kate said her uncle was John Wilkes Booth. I haven't heard them speak to each other for quite some time now.

We must tell you what JOAN STILES said—everyone thought her grandmother had died. At her funeral she woke up in her coffin, got married, and had fifteen children. Percy says his wife has that many baby mouses.

CAROLE SMITH and PETE LINDQUEST were caught weaseling out of study hall. Carole's grandfather owned a livery stable and Pete's grandfather was the leader of the Michigan Salvation Army Band.

SUZANNE SAWYER and DUNCAN CARTER were the next object of the query. Suzanne claims her great uncle was hung for horse thievery. She also said she was a descendant of President Pierce. Dunc says he just has an aunt who wants to take out his tonsils. Percy doesn't know what tonsils are.

CAROLYN FOX and ERIC PETERSON claim that Eric is a descendant of "Lief the Lucky", you know Eric the Great. Percy says Eric and Carolyn are twitterpated. DON VROBEL says his parents brought him over on the Mayflower with them.

GEORGE REEVES' grandfather was a successful gold prospector in Alaska. He left George a whole gold mine with lots of gold in it! JUDY Bills' third cousin was Charles Lindburg—the one who made the first flight across the Atlantic. I didn't have to ask Percy who HE was.

Do you know what JIM RUSSEL said? He said his second cousin is Jane Russell! MARY ALICE HILLIARD'S third cousin is Harriet Hilliard whose husband is that quack named Ozzie. Percy says he likes Mickey Mouse much better. IRENE EMERSON reports that she is a descendant of Ralph Waldo Emerson.

NANCY DOUBLEDAY's grandfather's cousin invented baseball and Percy says he hopes the Phillies win the world series next fall.

PHYLLIS ANN KOTTMAN's great uncle is admiral Perry who made an expedition to the North Pole. Percy's wife thinks that's nice-seems as if her grandfather went along too in the baggage, of course. CATHY MYERS' ancestor was Nathan Hale.

JOE SCOTT said one of his predecessors did something like Robinson Crusoe did. I think that Robinson Crusoe invented the Red Cross.

JON SEBALY's forerunner was President John Adams and STARK MARSHALL's ancestor was Louisa May Alcott who wrote "Little Women"

Oh my, here comes the janitor to sweep the steps. Percy and I'll go sit on the gymnasium skylight. The janitor won't come there—I think he's scared he'll fall through.

Mehitabel Mouse

Percy (don't forget)

## "Pertinality"

This famous "Swede is a pretty swell guy,

He's fairly well built with a peroxidized lock,  
And to his "39" Chev. the gals do flock.

He is often seen in the company of "Jude",

And he's known as a good old down-to-earth "dude."

His dad is a wheel in the faculty line,  
And he lives near the school which suits him fine.

He is known for his loud and noisy ways,

And he always says that a joke and laugh pays.

He goes around with a bunch of the boys,

And he, like the rest, fairly often lacks poise.

He was starred as a guard on the local eleven,

Though he only stands a slight five foot seven.

He is often named in an Easter time tune.

And he nearly always does some dancing at noon.

Now our unknown friend who is pretty darn neat

Is known to all as just plain Pete.

Patricia,

My wonderful one, sitting by the window, I wonder, I wonder, I wonder, can anyone explain why I only have eyes for you? I'm in the middle of a riddle thinking of you. My heart cries for you. I love you because you were meant for me. Come back to Erin on the outgoing tide.

Sentimental Me,

Danny Boy

Dial—Marshall, Mich.

# 'Griddle Hot Gossip'

Friday night two State High girls were seen in the Greyhound bus station. We wouldn't say for sure, but it looked like a pick-up. (How about it, N. S. and J. S.?)

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While passing through the halls, I heard Frank Maher telling Fran Cooley that all he wanted for a graduation present was a cat.

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We hear that one couple didn't get home until 3:45 after the turn-about. Go for a little ride, Char?

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It's nice to have a party, but some people never leave, huh, Lilla?

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Homework's no fun but we sure do like memorizing tombstones. How about it, Bobby, Fran, and Pete?

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We hear that Bobby Gleason has quite a vocabulary. Don't flip, Bobby, life's like that.

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Three couples emerged from the Spring Play this year. Lilla and Dick Duke and Carolyn and Jan and Dave. Dramatics, here I come.

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The April 9 dance seemed to go over quite well. Especially with "Butter Ball" dazzling all the females.

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The dance brought a pen-pal from Dowagiac to one of our Sophomores. Nice eye, Peg.

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Say, what were the four cars doing in front of your house Monday night, Judy? Surprise!

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In Mrs. Vincent's 2:00 history class, the other day, John Keyser was asked what we remember the Phoenicians for and he glibly answered "I don't know, blinds?"

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Marlene Williams and Bill persons are engaged as of three weeks ago. Congratulations kids!

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We might throw a couple of congratulations along that line, your way too, Beebes.

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I must say these students teachers are talented! Two of Mr. Hackney's "boys" put on a juggling act for their 2:00 o'clock Geometry class the other day.

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It's nice to remember about the tie that binds; etc. but does it have to be a "fuschia bash," one, Dick?

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Question of the week. What did Dick DeFreese find in his gym locker about two weeks ago?